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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 3333 ACTION DEA WASHDC INFO SECSTATE
COMNAV BASE GTMO, DIST DIR US CUSTOMS MIAMI, CCGD SEVEN MIAMI,
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QUOTE

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GTMO PERSONAL TO RADM GHORMLEY

DEA H.Q. FOR DURKIN (EN) SHANLEY (EPD) STRICKLER (EOIL)

DEA PASS DEA MIAMI

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, PINS, JM-GDS, CASC

SUBJECT: OPERATION BUCCANEER, SITREP 12 (SEPT. 9- SEPT 15)

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. ON SEPT. 14 DEA REP JOHN STARKE, SPECIAL
PROJECTS DIVISION, WASH D.C. ARRIVED IN JAMAICA TO RELIEVE
REP SALMI AS OPERATION BUCCANEER'S PROJECT COORDINATOR.

B. ON SEPT. 10 DEA REPS COOPER AND SALMI MET WITH
MINISTER MATALON TO DISCUSS ERADICATION EFFORTS WHICH

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HAD BEGUN THAT MORNING. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL

MATTERS WERE RESOLVED DURING THE CONFERENCE. IN REFERENCE TO SITREP 10 (PARA 1-A), THE MINISTER WAS INFORMED THAT DEA ADMINISTRATOR MR. BARTELS WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPT 23-24 OR 26-27. WHEN THE MINISTER TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, ON OTHER BUSINESS, HIS DEPARTURE WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE EMBASSY.

C. ON SEPT. 11 DEA REPS MARQUARDT AND SALMI MET WITH J.D.F. CHIEF OF STAFF TO DISCUSS OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL MATTERS ON ERADICATION, ROAD BLOCKS, WEAPONS FOR DEA REPS AND RELOCATION OF THE RADAR UNIT.

D. ON SEPT 12 DEA REPS GUILLORY, PHILLIPS, MARQUARDT AND SALMI MET WITH JDF OFFICERS AT UP PRAK CAMP TO DISCUSS THE UTILIZATION OF THE U/C BOAT WHICH WILL BE PLACED IN SERVICE DURING THE WEEK OF SEPT 16; REPS GUILLORY (MIAMI) AND DEMICCO (N.Y.) WILL OPERATE THE BOAT.

E. ADMIN SECTION, EMBASSY IS NOW IN POSITION TO OFFER FINANCIAL RELIEF TO DEA-TDY REPS WHO ARRIVE IN JAMAICA WITH ONLY DOLS 300.00 ADVANCE FUNDS.

2. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, USG:

A. ONE USG UH-1H HELICOPTER IS STILL OUT OF COMMISSION DUE TO THE LACK OF AN "O" RING.

B. WITH TDY ROTATION, DEA STILL AVERAGES 25 ADVISORY PERSONNEL IN JAMAICA.

C. HELICOPTER PILOT FRANK FREDENBURG RETURNED TO HIS POST OF DUTY ON SEPT. 13, 1974 WITH CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY SCHEDULED AS HIS REPLACEMENT. RICHARD GRIBBLE TWIN ENGINE PILOT FLYING THE PIPER NAVAJO IS SCHEDULED FOR DEPARTURE WITH THE AIRCRAFT ON SUNDAY THE 15TH OF SEPT. THE MAJOR PROBLEMS OF U.S. AIR AID TO OPERATION BUCCANEER AT THE MOMENT APPEAR TO BE LOGISTICS (AIRCRAFT AND RADAR PARTS AND SUPPLIES) AND PERSONNEL TOURS OF DUTY. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN COMMITMENTS AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORDERS FOR BUCCANEER PERSONNEL ON AT LEAST A 45 DAY BASIS WITH DURATION COMMITMENTS BEING PREFERRED.

D. THE RADAR MOUNTS FOR THE SIX JCF BERTRAM PATROL BOATS DID NOT ARRIVE ON SCHEDULE SUNDAY SEPT. 8. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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E. TO MAINTAIN AVERAGE FLIGHT HOURS ON EACH OF THE FOUR UH-1H HELICOPTERS, DEA REP JOHN WALKER HAS BEEN ROTATING "O" RINGS (SEALS) FROM ONE HELICOPTER TO THE OTHER. THE USG HELICOPTERS ARE NUMBERED IN SEQUENCE WITH THE GOJ HELICOPTERS. THESE STATISTICS REPRESENT THE UTILIZATION OF THE USG HELICOPTERS FLOWN BY DEA REPS FROM AUG. 17 TO SEPT. 15:

HELICOPTER	HOURS	TROOPS TRANSPORTED
HOTEL 9	49:55	167
HOTEL 10	35:50	203
HOTEL 11	40:00	227
HOTEL 12	47:55	321
TOTALS	171:55 HNI	898

3. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, GOJ:

A. THE GOJ OWNED BOAT EX "SEA LION" WHICH HAS UNDERGONE FULL REPAIRS AT GTMO WILL BE OPERABLE WITH A DEA CREW.

B. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ADDITIONAL TROOPS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE PHYSICAL ERADICATION PROGRAM.

4. STATUS OF OPERATIONS:

A. DEA REPS CONTINUE TO KEEP TOP GOJ AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS BRIEFED ON ALL ASPECTS OF OPERATION BUCCANEER - INCLUDING POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS.

B. ERADICATION:

(1) ON SEPT 10 THE FIRST MASS PHYSICAL ERADICATION EFFORT BEGAN BY TWO USG HELICOPTERS AND TWO GOJ HELICOPTERS TRANSPORTING 48 JAMAICAN JDF AND CONSTABULARY TROOPS INTO PRE-SELECTED GANJA FIELDS LOCATED A SHORT DISTANCE DUE WEST OF BENSONTON. THE USG HELICOPTERS WERE PILOTED BY DEA REPS JOHN WALKER AND FRANK FREDENBURG.

(2) THE AIRLIFT OF 48 TROOPS CONTINUED ON SEPT 11 AND 12. ERADICATION OPERATIONS WERE SUSPENDED ON SEPT. 13 DUE TO THE PENDING STATE VISIT IN JAMAICA BY PRESIDENT NYERERE OF TANZANIA. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ERADICATION EFFORT WILL CONTINUE ON SEPT. 17.

(3) FOR SEPARATE STATISTICAL RECORDING ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ERADICATION EFFORT WE WILL RELY ON DR. WALTER GENTNER'S (USDA) REPORT WHICH REFLECTS THAT ONE ACRE UNDER CULTIVATION REPRESENTS A MINIMUM OF 800 POUNDS OF HARVESTED GANJA.

THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF ERADICATION PROGRAM COMPUTED AS OF SEPT 10, 1974:

	CUMULATIVE	
SEPT 10	TOTAL	TOTAL
ACRES DESTROYED	10	10
EQUIVALENT	8,000 LBS	8,000 LBS
HARVESTED GANJA		
DESTROYED	500 LBS	500 LBS
SEED DESTROYED	15 LBS	15 LBS
DEFENDENTS	0	0

SEPT 11	TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
ACRES DESTROYED	10 1/2	20 1/2
EQUIVALENT	8,400 LBS	16,400 LBS
HARVESTED GANJA		
DESTROYED	800 LBS	1,300 LBS
SEED DESTROYED	0	15 LBS
DEFENDENTS	0	0

CUMULATIVE

SEPT 12	TOTAL	TOTAL
ACRES DESTROYED	18 1/2	39
EQUIVALENT	14,800 LBS	31,200 LBS
HARVESTED GANJA		
DESTROYED	1,800 LBS	3,100 LBS
SEED DESTROYED	12 LBS	27 LBS
DEFENDENTS	0	0

(4) IT IS NOTED THERE HAVE BEEN NO HOSTILITIES DIRECTED TOWARD THE TROOP-LIFT HELICOPTERS OR GROUND TROOP ERADICATING THE GANJA FIELDS. WHEN THE HELICOPTERS ARRIVE IN THE FIELDS THE NATIVES RUN AWAY. THE ABOVE STATISTICS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY FROM THE OVER ALL CUMULATIVE STATISTICS THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PARA 5.

(5) SITREP 10 REPORTED JCF WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR ISLAND WIDE ERADICATION EFFORTS. FROM THE WEEKS ENDING JUNE 28 TO AUG 23 A TOTAL OF 171 ACRES WERE DESTROYED BY CUTTING AND BURNING:
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WEEK ENDING	ACCRES DESTROYED
JUNE 28-AUG 23	171
AUG 31	3
SEPT 6	8
TOTAL	182

THESE 182 ACRES REPRESENTS THE DESTRUCTION OF 145,600 POUNDS. THE SEPT. 10-12 EFFORT REPRESENTS THE DESTRUCTION OF 33,300 LBS. IN THIS SITREP THESE AMOUNTS WILL BE ADDED TO THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL ON MARIHUANA SEIZED/ESTROYED SINCE APRIL 1, 1974 (SITREP 11 REPORTED A TOTAL ON 89,800 LBS.)

D. AS OF MIDNIGHT SEPT. 15 DOLPHIN HAS REPORTED 101 VESSEL SIGHTINGS TO BUCCANEER THROUGH ATLAS.

5. CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF SEIZURES AND ARRESTS COMPUTED AS OF APRIL 1, 1974:

	TOTAL	THIS WEEK
MARIHUANA SEIZED/		
DESTROYED	268,725 LBS	33,325 LBS
MARIHUAN SEED SEIZED/		
DESTROYED	5,235 LBS	270 LBS
COCAINE SEIZED	4 LBS	NONE

AIRCRAFT SEIZED/DESTROYED	7	NONE	
VEHICLES SEIZED	7	1	
BOATS SEIZED/DESTROYED	13	NONE	
MONEY SEIZED (U.S. DOLS OR			
EQUIVALENT	DOLS 114,320	NONE	
WEAPONS SEIZED	10	NONE	
DEFENDENTS	54	NONE	
ACREAS OF MARIHUANA ERADICATED		TOTAL	221
SINCE JUNE 21			
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